

REMARKS

In response to the requirement in the Official Action of 1 November 2005 for an election between inventions, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (“X-Orn-Pro”) for prosecution in the present application. Applicants understand that this restriction requirement is subject to the non-allowance of the linking claims and that, upon allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions would be withdrawn. Applicants also note that this election is made without prejudice to Applicants’ right to prosecute the non-elected invention(s) in a divisional application or applications.

With respect to the requirement in the Official Action for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the species “L-Abrine-Orn-Pro”. Claims 1-8 read on this species.

The claims have been amended to make changes of a formal nature, without narrowing the scope thereof, and thereby to place them into better form for examination. Claims 18 and 19 have been rewritten as method claims to comply with the dictates of 35 USC 101, and claims 9 and 18-23 have been made dependent from the elected product claims to facilitate rejoinder of these claims upon the allowance of the product claims (see MPEP Section 821.04). New claims 24-27 directed to the elected invention/species have been added more completely to define the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention.

Applicants have complied fully with each and every requirement in the aforementioned Official Action, and now respectfully request an early examination on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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